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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Of these claims, claims 1, 11 and 21 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. All claims stand finally rejected. Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Lenchik. Claims 2-10 and 12-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sibal in view of Spriestersback. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rankin in view of Sibal. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in lights of the following remarks.

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. On July 2, 2007, Applicants' representative conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner in which the pending claims and the applied references were discussed. No agreement, however, was reached with respect to the claims. It was agreed, however, the Examiner would call the undersigned prior to the issuance of a further Office Action should the claims herein not be immediately allowable.

As noted in the Applicants' previous response, Spreisterbach, Rankin, and Lenchik are directed towards a location context-aware mobile system. As stated in Spriesterbach, a location context-aware mobile system updates a user interface based on the location of the device and the location of the mobile device is used to reduce the

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amount of information required to be entered by a user in a business process application.

(Abstract) As stated in Rankin, a distributed location based information service system is provided which permits information in the form of a virtual map of location based resources related to a particular geographic location to be electronically transferred to a mobile electronic device and to be interpreted locally by that device. (Para. 007) As stated in Lenchik, target function icons to be displayed are determined from a pool of available functions based on an operating environment locale of a device. (Abstract) There is no suggestion or teaching in any of these references of utilizing more than one mode of operation. While Sibal appears to be directed to a telephone which may operate in voice mode or visual mode, as best understood there is no teaching or suggestion in Sibal that such is location context-aware.

This is in contrast with the present invention. As discussed in the present application,

the information interaction needs of a user in a multi-modal distributed computing environment are often influenced by the location, device, available resources and other environmental factors. The following are non-limiting examples of how such information interaction needs may be so influenced in accordance with the present invention. A user with an audio-only device such as a mobile phone may wish to temporarily use a display resource (such as a monitor in a lounge or a conference room, or an in-seat display on an aircraft) to look at video information. A user driving a car may be interested in getting some traffic or weather information, and may be interested in getting the information downloaded to an accessible device or may wish to make reservations for network resources to access the information. A user entering a new building may wish to have information such as restroom locations downloaded to a personal device immediately upon entrance. A traveler entering the airport check-in may wish to have information about departure gate changes downloaded to an accessible device. A user may wish to have only urgent messages made available (by email or otherwise) when the user is travelling, but want to have all messages made available when not

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travelling. Similarly, a user may want to skip over any messages containing [confidential] material if the user is in a public place. A user may desire a device with audio to be verbose outside of a vehicle, but not as verbose when the user is in a vehicle.

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As set forth in the independent claims, the present invention configures the resource to provide the most appropriate mode of interaction for the user of the resource. None of the applied references are able to provide such a mode of interaction. Thus, none of the applied references, either alone or in combination, meet the limitations of the independent claims. Specifically, neither Spreisterbach, Rankin, Lenchik, nor Sibal teach or suggest a system which configures a resource wherein the resource is configured to provide the most appropriate mode of interaction for a user of the system.

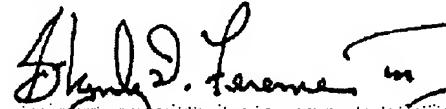
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. By virtue of dependence from what are believed to be allowable independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-10 and 12-20 are also presently allowable.

The "prior art made of record" has been reviewed. Applicants acknowledge that such prior art was not deemed by the Office to be sufficiently relevant as to have been applied against the claims of the instant application. To the extent that the Office may apply such prior art against the claims in the future, Applicants will be fully prepared to respond thereto.

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In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including claims 1-21; is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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